

REMARKS:

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-16 were originally filed. During the prosecution, claims 1-16 were canceled, and claims 17-23 were added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 17-23 will be pending.

The September 7, 2007 Reply Is Not Fully Responsive

Examiner notes that the reply filed on September 7, 2007 is not fully responsive as it fails to include a complete or accurate record of the substance of the September 6, 2007 interview (*See*, Office Action, page 1, 1st paragraph).

In response, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a completed Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (PTOL-143A) and the following record of the substance of the September 6, 2007 interview (*See*, MPEP 713.04).

At the September 6, 2007 interview, claims 17-22 were discussed; and the prior art reference cited by the Examiner (i.e., Galopin *et al.* Abstract 0056, 224th American Chemical Society National Meeting, Aug 2002) was discussed. The applicability of the Galopin reference as a 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) or 35 U.S.C. § 102(f) reference was discussed. As Galopin neither teaches nor suggests the claimed invention, Applicants submitted that it would not be a proper 102 reference. Examiner agreed and instructed Applicants to respond to the outstanding Office Action issued on June 18, 2007 by arguing that the claimed invention was not anticipated by Galopin. Accordingly, Applicants filed an amendment in response to the June 18, 2007 Office Action on September 7, 2007.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of rejections, and allowance of all claims now present in the application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. Deposit Account No. 12-1295.

Respectfully submitted,



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